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longer as they get a little better food and better accommodation. Since there is excess number of patients seeking admission into the hospital, quicker turnover becomes necessary.''

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—'' May I know whether cancer treatment will be introduced in Coimbatore? '' 8–50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' It will be done in course of time.''

Tottenham system of Office Procedure.

* 1472 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the present administrative system, introduced by Tottenham in 1935 will be replaced by any new system; and

(*b*) if so, when?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' (*a*) & (*b*) The Member is apparently referring to the system of office procedure now in vogue in the Government offices. It is based on a report submitted by Mr. A. R. Loftus Tottenham, I.C.S., in 1918–19. Taken by and large, the system has worked satisfactorily and there is no proposal to replace it by any other system. The District Revenue Administration Enquiry Committee constituted in July 1954 has suggested certain improvements on the existing system. The Government are examining the suggestions.''

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—'' இப்பொழுது இருக்கக்கூடிய நிர்வாகத்தில் ' ரெட் டேபிஸம் ', மிக அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது. அதை ஒழிப்பதற்காக வேறு ஏதாவது ஒரு முறையைக் கையாளுவார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' வேறு முறையைக் கையாளுவதினால் இப்பொழுது இருக்கும் ' ரெட் டேபிஸத்தை ' விட அதிகமாக புது முறையைக் கையாளுவதினால் வந்துவிடக்கூடாது என்பதுதான் சர்க்காருடைய நோக்கம். ஆகவே புது முறை எதுவும் கையாளும் யோசனை இல்லை.''

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Mr. Tottenham has introduced a new system of maintaining files which only duplicates many files. For instance, if a petition is sent to the Government, it is disposed of then and there. But when a reminder is sent, once again they trace the entire file and then retrace the step. One Mr. Rice has suggested an improvement over this system. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to make inquiries about the Rice Disposal System? I have been requesting the former Cabinet and the present Cabinet also to examine that system. But the Government have not taken any steps in that direction. Will the Government institute an inquiry and find out how best the Tottenham system which is a rotten system could be improved by the introduction of the Rice Disposal System? ''

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is wrong to characterise the Tottenham system as a rotten one, even though the word 'Totten' may rhyme with the word 'rotten'. On the whole, that system has worked very well. The whole thing has been scrutinized and inquired into. Various suggestions for the improvement of the existing system have been made by the Inquiry Committee. They are under the consideration of the Government. As far as the 'Rice' problem is concerned, I do admit that I have no knowledge of that problem. If there is any report on that, I shall look into it."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Is there any proposal to introduce the Bedeaux system in any of the Government offices?"

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" As we are anxious to have some change over the Tottenham system in the new administrative set-up, may I request the Government to consider the question of changing the colour of the tape into green or blue? Now, the colour is red."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think we should be scared away by the red colour."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Have the Government taken any action on the Appleby Report?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is also under the consideration of the Government. I think the Revenue Administration Inquiry Committee has taken that into consideration in making its recommendation."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Now that there is some objection in a way to certain features of the Tottenham system, would the Government take the House into their confidence and distribute to us the salient features of the Tottenham system, the Rice system that was proposed and also the District Administration Reforms Committee's recommendations so that the Members of the House may offer their suggestions and the Government may reorientate the entire administrative system?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" As far as the Tottenham system is concerned, it is in the form of a Government Order and it will be available to any hon. Member who wishes to go through it. As far as the Rice Disposal System is concerned, I do not know whether any report is available. I will have to inquire about it. As for the suggestions made for the improvement of the existing system, the hon. Member will have to wait a little before we publish the Report of the Revenue Administration Inquiry Committee."

SRI A. RAMASWAMI TEVAR :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether there is any proposal to introduce Vinayakam system?"

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Vinayakam system is very much in observance in Tamil Nad especially, that is, worshipping Him before taking any action in any matter." (Laughter.)

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, I wish to offer a personal explanation. I have not characterized the Tottenham system as a rotten system. One Mr. Rice, I.C.S., who was the Collector of Coimbatore district, I think, has introduced a new system. He has characterized the Tottenham system as a rotten system. It is not ' Rice ' problem as the Hon. Minister funnily characterized it. It is called the ' Rice Disposal System '. The Hon. Minister can refer to the officers in the Secretariat. They will throw more light on this problem."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am very much obliged to the hon. Member. I am glad he has gone through all these reports. I have already confessed that I have not gone through the Rice Report."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" 1942-ம் வருஷத்திய இயக்கத்தைப் பற்றி அப்பொழுது இருந்த இந்திய அரசாங்கத்தின் சார்பில் ' டாடன்ஹாம் ' என்ற ஒருவர் மிகக் கேவலமாக ஒரு புத்தகம் எழுதியிருக்கிறார். அந்த ' டாடன்ஹாம் 'க்கும், இந்த ' டாடன்ஹாம் ' க்கும் ஏதாவது சம்பந்தம் உண்டா ? அல்லது ஒருவரேதானா ?"

SRI K. RAJARAM NAIDU :—" ஒருவரேதான்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" 1942-ம் வருஷ இயக்கத்தைப்பற்றி நமக்கு ஆட்சேபகரமான ஒரு புத்தகத்தை அவர் பின்னால் எழுதியிருக்கிறார் என்பதற்காக மட்டும், அவரால் அரசாங்க நிர்வாகத்தில் ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்ட முறையை நல்லதா கெட்டதா என்று பார்க்காமலேயே கைவிடுவது அவ்வளவு உசிதமில்லை. அவர் கொடுத்திருக்கக் கூடிய முறை நல்லதா கெட்டநா என்பதை மாத்திரம் பரிசீலனை செய்து பார்க்கவேண்டுமென்று கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்களைக் கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

Exemption of foodgrains from sales tax.

* 1473 *Q*.—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any proposal to exempt foodgrains from sales tax;

(*b*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the Madras Provincial Foodgrains Merchants' Association in this regard;

(*c*) the total revenue derived by the Government in 1953–54 by way of sales tax on foodgrains; and

(*d*) the percentage of tax on foodgrains to the entire sales tax revenue derived in the State in 1953–54?